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E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: VEGA ON TRADE NEGOTIATIONS

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1. IN MEETINGS WITH GLITMAN IN EB AND EDMOND IN EA VEGA DISPLAYED ENTHUSIASTIC INTEREST IN PROSPECTS FOR TRADE NEGOTIATIONS SHORTLY AFTER PASSAGE OF TRADE BILL. HE PROBED EXTENSIVELY INTO POSSIBILITIES PRESENTED BY THE BILL FOR MEETING PHILIPPINE TRADE INTERESTS, LARGELY THROUGH GSP BUT ALSO THROUGH MFN NEGOTIATIONS. HE QUERIED: PROSPECTS FOR RECLASSIFICATION TO REDUCE EFFECTS OF GSP COMPETITIVE NEED LIMITS; MEANS FOR DETERMINING AD VALOREM EQUIVALENTS, IN MFN RENEGOTIATIONS; LATITUDE IN APPLYING EXEMPTION FOR U.S. ORIGIN COMPONENTS; AND OTHER TECHNICAL DETAILS. ALSO ASKED WHETHER DEPARTMENT COULD CONSIDER ADDITIONAL LEGISLATION IF TRADE BILL AS PASSED PROVED INAD- QUATE.

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2. DEPTOFFS REMAINED NON-COMMITTAL ON SPECIFICS OF BILL

PROVISIONS, OBSERVING INTER ALIA THAT OUR KNOWLEDGE OF
SENATE LANGUAGE SO FAR DEPENDS ON PRESS RELEASES, WITH
ACTUAL WORDING NOT AVAILABLE. NOTED DIFFICULTIES IN OB-
TAINING ANY FURTHER LEGISLATION OR BROADENING APPLICATION
OF GSP, BUT STRESSED WILLINGNESS EXAMINE PHIL PROPOSALS AND
RESUME NEGOTIATIONS IN WASHINGTON WHENEVER GOP WISHES.
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